



Public Livestock Market-Animal Condition/Disposition Guidelines

CONDITION:

1. AMBULATORY ANIMAL

An animal that is capable of rising on its own ability and walks with or without minimal stimulus.

Disposition: Sell

2. NON-AMBULATORY ANIMAL

Severity of Condition:

- a. An animal that is unable to rise and walk on its own with minimal stimulus.
Disposition: Notify owner or agent, treat animal if owner requests. If unable to contact owner/agent, no treatment is authorized. If animal is still non-ambulatory after 2 hours, euthanasia and disposal.
- b. An animal that is unable to rise on its own and walk with minimal stimulus and that has a body condition score in the lower 20% for the species and type of animal.
Disposition: Allow 2 hours with or without treatment to become ambulatory. If animal is still non-ambulatory, euthanasia and disposal.
- c. An animal that is unable to rise or walk on its own, or walk with minimal stimulus while on the vehicle transporting to the market.
Disposition: Do not unload the animal(s), return to owner's or agent's premises.

3. BONE FRACTURES (RADIUS, ULNA, TIBIA, 3RD METACARPAL & METATARSAL)

Severity of Condition: When the fracture of one or more of these bones leave the animal unable to bear weight on the limb without the limb collapsing.

Disposition:

- a. If injury is noted prior to the animal being unloaded, do not unload the animal(s), return to owner's or agent's premises.
- b. If injury occurs after animal is unloaded, notify owner or agent for removal from market within 2 to 12 hours with appropriate treatment and pain mitigation or euthanasia and disposal at the market.

4. LUXATION OF THE CARPAL (KNEE), TARSAS (HOCK) FETLOCK OR PASTER N JOINTS

Severity of Condition: When there is traumatic dislocation of one or more of these joints that leaves the animal unable to bear weight on the limb without the limb collapsing.

Disposition:

- a. If injury is noted prior to the animal being unloaded, do not unload the animal(s), return to owner's or agent's premises.
- b. If injury occurs after animal is unloaded, notify owner or agent for removal from market within 2 to 12 hours with appropriate treatment and pain mitigation or euthanasia and disposal at the market.



5. BOVINE OCULAR NEOPLASIA

Severity of Condition:

- a. Small spots or areas of the lesion on the eye ball or eye lid that is completely amendable to surgery.
Disposition: Sell "as is."
- b. Lesions on the eyeball and/or eyelid obscuring the eyeball with invasion into the tissue of the lids but completely amendable to surgery.
Disposition: Sell "as is."
- c. Lesion on eyeball and/or eyelid completely involving the eyeball, or deep into the eyelid that would not be amendable to surgery.
Disposition: Notify owner or their agent for removal from the market within 2 to 12 hours or euthanasia and disposal at the market.
- d. Neoplasia encompassing the entire eyeball and eyelid with involvement of the bony orbit or any neoplasia involving both eyeballs or eyelids.
Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading notify owner or their agent for removal from the market or euthanasia and disposal at the market.

6. OTHER NEOPLASIA

Severity of Condition: Other neoplasia that shows severe swelling, or obvious discoloration, open necrotic regions with drainage or deformation of tissue and which are not amendable to surgery.

Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading, notify owner or their agent for removal from the market within 2 to 12 hours or euthanasia and disposal at the market.

7. ACTINOBACILLOSIS AND ACTINOMYCOSIS (LUMP JAW AND WOODY TONGUE)

Severity of Condition:

- a. Small swelling in jaw, nose or throat that has not affected the body condition score.
Disposition: Sell "as is."
- b. Large swelling in jaw, nose or throat that is draining or fluid filled or not, and has not affected the body condition score.
Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading notify owner or their agent for removal from the market within 2 to 12 hours or euthanasia and disposal at the market.
- c. Large swelling in the jaw, nose or throat, which is open, draining, or not, and has decreased the animal's body condition score to the lower 20% for the species.
Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading notify owner or their agent for removal from the market within 2 to 12 hours or euthanasia and disposal at the market.



8. PNEUMONIA

Severity of Condition:

- a. Animal is visibly sick but still ambulatory.

Disposition: Sell "as is."

- b. Animal is visibly sick and non-ambulatory.

Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading notify owner or their agent to determine to treat or not to treat. If ambulatory in 2 hours, sell "as is." If animal is still non-ambulatory after 2 hours, euthanasia and disposal at the market.

9. METABOLIC DISEASES (MILK FEVER, GRASS & TRANSPORT TETANY)

Severity of Condition: Animal is non-ambulatory due to the metabolic imbalance.

Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading, notify owner or agent, treat animal if an owner or agent request, if unable to contact owner/agent, no treatment is authorized. If the animal does not become ambulatory within 2 hours, euthanasia and disposal at the market.

10. CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) DISORDERS

Severity of Condition:

- a. Animal is uncoordinated, weak, circling or shows some signs of CNS disturbance, but is still ambulatory.

Disposition: Notify owner or agent, treat animal if an owner or agent requests or have owner arrange for removal from the market within 2 to 12 hours.

- b. Animal is non-ambulatory and showing signs of CNS disturbance.

Disposition: If noted prior to unloading, do not unload the animal(s), return to the owner's or agent's premises. If noted after unloading, notify owner or their agent. If not ambulatory, with or without treatment, within 2 hours, euthanasia and disposal at the market.

EUTHANASIA:

1. METHODS OF HUMANE EUTHANASIA

- a. Captive bolt pistol.
- b. Restrain with xylazine and use captive bolt pistol.
- c. Commercial euthanasia (barbiturate) solution intravenously with or without xylazine sedation as approved by the AVMA euthanasia guidelines with appropriate carcass disposal that ensures that the carcass doesn't enter rendering channels or other exposure to domestic animals or wildlife.
- d. Use of other AVMA approved methods of euthanasia as appropriate for the species and type of animal.

2. EUTHANASIA & DISPOSAL

- a. Euthanasia shall be performed by the market veterinarian or under his/her direct supervision.
- b. Cost of euthanasia and disposal of the animal will be the responsibility of the owner.
- c. Cost of euthanasia may be determined annually by the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture.



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- d. Cost of disposal of the animal will vary depending upon the local requirements and facilities.
- e. Disposal of the carcass will be within the regulations of the city, county and state.
- f. The market veterinarian will be responsible to collect euthanasia fees.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The market veterinarian shall provide notice to the owner of any euthanized animal in person, by telephone, or in writing. The market veterinarian should keep a log on each animal euthanized and directed to be removed.

The log should contain:

- a. Name and address of the owner
- b. Identification of the animal
 - a. Color
 - b. Sex
 - c. Breed
 - d. Approximate age and weight
 - e. Any owner identification
 - i. Brand
 - ii. Ear tags
 - f. Photographs

The market veterinarian shall supply the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office the information regarding any animal removed from the market for follow-up in regard to the Animal Cruelty Statutes. The market will be responsible for obtaining the name and address of each consignor.